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For: IMAGE RETRIEVING APPARATUS  
PERFORMING RETRIEVAL BASED ON  
CODING INFORMATION UTILIZED FOR  
FEATURED FRAME EXTRACTION OR  
FEATURE VALUES OF FRAMES

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**STATUS INQUIRY**

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It is respectfully requested that the attorney named below be advised of the status of the above-identified application. Please advise us of when we might expect to receive an Office Action from the Patent and Trademark Office.

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